I am a resident in Wilton Connecticut, and I am writing to you to strongly oppose the proposed Bills SB 738, SB 457 and SB 874.

I have been Realtor in Fairfield County CT for nearly 20 years, and the amazing schools are the <u>ONE AND ONLY REASON</u> people buy homes here. Buyers agree to pay higher home prices and higher taxes to support the excellent schools seeking a better education for their children.

<u>I cannot think of anything worse</u> than the government regionalizing our schools, which are already a fine oiled machine of excellence and have been well run by our local officials. Senator Will Haskell and State Representative Gail Lavielle strongly oppose these bills as well.

<u>PLEASE DO NOT PURSUE THESE BILLS</u>. Forced regionalization is NOT good for our state, for our home values, for our children's education, and will <u>absolutely undoubtedly ruin our excellent school reputation forever.</u>

Connecticut cannot take any more bad news. <u>Please do not TOUCH our schools</u>. It will only put the nail in the coffin for our state, which has suffered greatly by the poor decisions made in the past by our elected officials.

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